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SUBJECT: STUDENT DISORDERS AT AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF GUERRERO

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1. THE STATE OF GUERRERO'S TUMULTUOUS POLITICS CAPTURED NATIONAL NEWS WHEN SOME 20 YOUNG PERSONS (UNCLEAR WHETHER ALL ARE STUDENTS) TOOK POSSESSION EARLY AM MARCH 12 OF THE RECTORY OF AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF GUERRERO, IN CHILPANCINGO, GUERRERO STATE CAPITAL.

2. STUDENTS SAY THEIR OBJECTIVE IS TO PREVENT RECENTLY ELECTED NEW RECTOR, ARQUIMIDES MORALES, SCHEDULED TO TAKE OFFICE MARCH 13, FROM DOING SO, BECAUSE HE IS LACKEY OF OUTGOING RECTOR, ROSALIO WENCES REZA.

3 . HOWEVER , SOME 200 OPPOSING STUDENTS, SUPPORTING OUTGOING AND INCOMING RECTORS, TOOK UP OCCUPANCY NIGHT MARCH 12 OF ANOTHER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, TO MAKE SURE NEW RECTOR DOES TAKE OFFICE. ACCORDING TO THESE, FIRST GROUP CONSISTS OF THUGS OF GOV-ELECT RUBEN FIGUEROA.

4. COMMENT: SITUATION APPARENTLY TENSE WITH VIOLENCE POSSIBLE.

5. AFTER HIS RELEASE FROM CAPTIVITY LAST SEPT, (FIGUEROA
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WAS LUCIO CABANAS KIDNAP VICTIM FROM JUNE TO SEPT 1974)

FIGUEROA WRANGLLED PUBLICLY WITH UAG RECTOR IN NOVEMBER, BLAMING LARGE PART OF POLITICAL UNREST IN STATE ON WENCES LEADERSHIP. WENCES FOUGHT BACK, ENJOYING SUPPORT OF NOW OUSTED GUERRERO GOV (SEE REFERENCE) ISRAEL NOGUEDA.

6. SITUATION THUS APPEARS TO BE ONE OF CONTROL OVER UAG CAMPUS, WITH FIGUEROA DETERMINED NOT TO LET UAG CONTINUE UNDER LEADERSHIP HE CONSIDERS HOSTILE TO HIM.
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